

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
US APPLICATION NO. 09/581,377
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. Q80247

REMARKS

General Remarks

Claims 1-10, 13-38, 81-83, 102, 111-118, 120-128, and 130-139 are pending in the present application. Claim 137 is canceled herewith without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-10, 13-38, 102, 111-118, 120-128, 130-136, 138 and 139 are allowed. Claims 81-83 stand rejected, and claim 137 stands objected to.

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action in the present application. The present amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005, and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all claims under consideration is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 1-10, 13-38, 102 111-118, 120-128, 130-136, 138 and 139 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Double Patenting

Claims 81-83 stand rejected to under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 8, 15, 18-19 and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,770,866.

Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.130.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 81-83.

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Duplicate Claims Objection

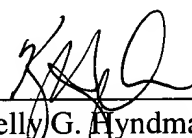
Claims 137 stands objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 128. Claim 137 is canceled herewith without prejudice or disclaimer, thus obviating the current objection thereto.

Conclusion and Request for Interview

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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